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The following Japanese reference is not in the English language:

1) JP 5-234321

Reference 1) includes an English language abstract.

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